



REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

To: City Council	Agenda Item <u>Item No. VII. D.</u>
From: John Keprios, Director Parks & Recreation Department	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Action
Date: August 21, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion
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Subject: Naming and Dedication of City Facilities Policy	

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Park Board recommends approval of the attached City of Edina Naming and Dedication of City Facilities Policy.

INFORMATION/BACKGROUND:

At their May 8, 2012 meeting, the Park Board passed a motion on a seven to one vote to recommend that the City Council adopt the attached City of Edina Naming and Dedication of City Facilities Policy. Members of the Naming of Parks and Facilities Working Group members included Andy Otness, Bob Kojetin, Ray Giske, David Mesenbourg, Tom Gyump, Rick Ites, Park Board members Joseph Hulbert and Ellen Jones.

After lengthy discussion, debate and changes to the Working Group's original proposal, the Park Board agreed to recommend the attached proposed policy for the City Council's consideration.

The Donations Policy Working Group was chaired by Park Board member Ellen Jones who plans to present the proposed policy to the City Council along with members of her Working Group.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City of Edina Naming and Dedication of City Facilities Policy
- Naming of Parks and Facilities Working Group Recommendations Section of the May 8, 2012 Park Board Meeting Minutes

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CITY OF EDINA NAMING AND DEDICATION OF CITY FACILITIES POLICY

OVERALL POLICY

It is the policy of the City of Edina that the naming of new and renaming of existing city facilities be reserved for exceptional circumstances and that the naming process comply with the guidelines, principles and procedures set forth in this policy. This establishes a systematic and consistent policy that is fair, open to all residents, objective, and aids in the selection of names that are respectful of the history of the site or area, suitable to the property or facility, and useful to the public in locating the facility. Recognizing a person by dedicating a City facility in their name is considered a truly special honor. This policy creates criteria and procedure for the dedication of City facilities.

DEFINITIONS

"City Facilities" shall include the following:

Parks: All traditional designed parks, natural open spaces, historic sites, golf courses, specialized parks (e.g. skate park), physical features (lakes), and trails under the City of Edina Park and Recreation Department's jurisdiction or management.

Buildings: Structures that house city programs.

Major Features: Major, components of city facilities, (e.g. ball fields, swimming pools, tennis courts, playgrounds, fountains, art work, Senior Center). Rooms within buildings are considered to be major features. Major City sponsored events are considered major features.

Streets: The streets owned by the city of Edina.

Amenities: Smaller furnishings and facilities in the city system (e.g. benches, small fountains, tables, etc.). Amenities are not formally named. Recognition for donated amenities is covered under the City of Edina Donations Policy.

AUTHORITY

The establishment of formal legal names of permanent real property and streets owned by the City of Edina requires administrative action. Only the Edina City Council retains the authority to establish formal legal names for City-owned facilities.

A dedication is an honor given to an exceptional individual. The acknowledgement of this honor shall be placed discreetly near the identified City facility. The honor of a dedication does not change the name of the facility. Only the Edina City Council retains the authority to dedicate City facilities.

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The names of parks, buildings, major features and streets tell the important stories of Edina's history. Edina has limited public resources for changing names on signs, maps, and literature. Excessive naming of individual features in City facilities can be confusing to the public. The proliferation of names for different parts of the same park or building should be avoided.

Naming or renaming city facilities is often complex and emotionally charged, since naming is a powerful and permanent identity for a public place. Approval of naming requests is a prestigious, cautious process that needs to be undertaken only when appropriate and requires great care and thoughtfulness.

The philosophy of the City is to reserve the naming or renaming of City facilities to those circumstances which tradition and practice have shown to best serve the interests of the City and assure a worthy and enduring legacy for the City's system. To this end, the City supports consideration of proposed names in the following order of preference:

1. Geographic location
2. Historic events, people and places
3. Exceptional individuals
4. Major gifts.

City buildings and major features could, however, be dedicated in memory or honor of a person and an appropriate plaque indicating such, be dedicated and placed at the facilities. City facilities should not be overwhelmed with dedications, since that would detract from the aesthetic and may adversely affect the experience or value of the City service being provided.

Names that have offensive connotations shall not be considered.. The naming of currently unnamed City facilities shall comply with this policy and procedure. A City facility shall not be artificially subdivided for the sole purpose of naming.. All signs on City facilities must meet City sign standards. For a new City facility, the appropriate Advisory Board shall use any open, systematic, fair and organized public process (i.e. nominations, contests, etc.) that they decide upon to propose a name. The City Manager or appropriate department is responsible for overseeing compliance with policy and procedure requirements and for keeping a record of all approved name and dedication proposals

RENAMING CITY FACILITIES

Proposals to rename City facilities are not encouraged and should be entertained only after fully investigating and considering the potential impact of dropping the current name. Names that have become widely accepted in the community should not be abandoned unless there are compelling reasons and strong public sentiment for doing so. Historical or commonly used place names should be preserved wherever possible.

Notwithstanding the above, the City Council reserves the right to change the name of any named City facility in order to maintain consistency with the entire policy and flexibility to change the name of a facility named after an individual who has fallen into disrepute and whose name no longer lends honor and dignity to the facility.

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NAMING AND RENAMING FOR GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION, HISTORIC EVENTS, PLACES, AND PERSONS

It is appropriate to consider naming or renaming a City facility for its geographic location (e.g. natural feature, neighborhood and significant area) and when it is located near or otherwise associated with events, people and places of historic, or cultural significance. This should be done only if the historic nature can be demonstrated through research and documentation. To be considered historic a person should be deceased for at least a hundred years. Priority should be given to those historic events, people and places that commemorate the history of:

1. The City of Edina
2. The State of Minnesota
3. The Nation.

NAMING AND RENAMING FOR EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS

No parks shall be named or renamed for an individual, unless that individual, was a resident of Edina, has been deceased for at least 25 years and influenced Edina's history, or that individual's name was requested as a condition made by the donor of land. The name of an individual shall be considered for a building, major feature, or street only if such individual was or is a resident of the City of Edina and has made a particularly meritorious contribution, over a period of several years, to the general public interest or the interests of the City. Priority should be given to those individuals who have contributed to:

1. The City facility itself
2. The City of Edina
3. The State of Minnesota, or
4. The Nation.

The naming and renaming of a building, major feature, or street for an individual shall occur no sooner than five years after that person has ended his or her substantive, formal relationship with the City. The name used should be the family name. A person's name may be used in naming a City facility only once.

Naming a building, major feature, or street for an individual who has passed away or for a person or group of people who perish in or survive a tragic event shall only be considered after at least five years has passed after the death or public shock generated by the event has dissipated. Potential sites for such memorials should be focused on City facilities that are more known for their serene and contemplative nature rather than active locations, such as playing fields and recreational locations. Emphasis should be placed on the contributions or heroic actions of these people to the City of Edina during their lifetime, rather than the circumstances of their death or survivorship.

Exceptional service and strong public sentiment is more objectively evaluated after a waiting period. Strong public support for naming and renaming shall be demonstrated through a petition process as described in this policy. Naming and renaming requests require 300 signatures, and dedications require 100 signatures to be considered. The petition process for

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naming, renaming and dedication for a person shall commence no sooner than five years after that person has ended his or her relationship to the City, or has died.

NAMING AND RENAMING FOR MAJOR GIFTS

The donation of gifts to the City of Edina should be reward in itself. On a rare occasion, a gift by an individual will be made to the City that is of such magnitude and generosity that naming of a building in honor of or at the request of the benefactor will be considered. Any request to name or rename an existing City facility must comply with the prior stated policy. Except for donations of land, naming for a gift will be for a fixed period and not indefinitely. The period will be clearly stated in the naming request. As a guideline but not a limitation, the threshold for naming a City facility shall include one or preferably more of the following:

1. Deeding to the City most if not all of the land on which the City facility to be named will be situated
2. Payment of one-half or more of the capital costs of constructing a City facility to be named (depending on the availability of matching fund or grants)
3. Significant long-term endowment for the repair and maintenance of the donated City facility.
4. The provision of significant program costs for facilities that will serve City program needs.

Likewise, as a guideline but not a limitation, the threshold for naming rights on major features would include one or preferably more of the following:

1. Payment of substantial capital costs for constructing and installing a major feature
2. Some long-term endowment for the repair and maintenance of the donated major feature
3. The provision of significant program costs for any major feature giving rise to or supporting a City program.

In no case shall naming or renaming be considered unless the major gift is deemed acceptable in accordance with the City of Edina Donations Policy.

NAMING FOR ENTITIES

No city facility, except a major feature, shall be named for a business entity as a condition to a donation to the City. A major feature may be named for a business entity making a restricted gift to the City. Limiting the naming opportunity by business entities to major features will minimize confusion, and costs to the City for updating signage and maps. Each request is evaluated on its own merits and requires public input. The renaming of any existing major feature is discouraged even when associated with a major enhancement gift. Naming for a business entity shall be for a fixed period and not indefinitely. The period will be clearly stated and not longer than the life of the business entity.

In making a recommendation for a business name, the reputation of the company and community support shall be considerations. The City reserves the right to remove an entity name on a major feature if the business entity turns out to be disreputable or subsequently acts in a disreputable way.

Names of business entities operating on City property shall be subject to City Council approval and will not require a petition process.

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PROCEDURES FOR COMMUNITY OR CITIZEN REQUESTS TO NAME OR RENAME AND DEDICATE A CITY FACILITY

Applicant's Process. An applicant must complete an Application for Naming Facilities Form (Appendix 1), compile a petition and make a presentation to the appropriate advisory board (the "Board") to recommend naming or renaming a City facility. Details of the process include:

1. Return a completed Application for Naming or Dedicating Facilities Form (Appendix 1), along with a check to cover the cost of a plaque and installation, to the appropriate department director or City Manager to start the process. The check will be returned if the application is denied.
2. Complete and compile a Naming or Dedication Petition (Appendix 2). The petition shall:
 - o State the reasons for the proposed name
 - o Show community support for the proposed name
 - o Contain a description and/or map depiction of the boundaries of the City facility to be named
 - o May only be signed by persons living in Edina
 - o May only be signed by persons voting age or older
 - o Show the name, address and telephone number of each signer
 - o File the petition with the appropriate department director or City Manager within ninety days of receipt of the forms from the City, unless the director grants in writing additional time for completing the petition
 - o Be initiated no sooner than five years after that person has ended his or her relationship to the City, or has died
3. Naming and renaming requests require 300 signatures on the petition. City facility dedications require 100 signatures.
4. The petitions may be dropped off, mailed, or emailed to:

City of Edina
Administration
C/O City Manager
4801 W. 50th St.
Edina, MN 55424
5. A formal request to the City Manager, director or board chair that the proposal be put on the agenda for the next possible Board meeting. Notice to all residents in the area shall be given.
6. A formal presentation of the naming, renaming, or dedication proposal to the Board. The public will be provided an opportunity to give input during a public meeting for all naming proposals, this opportunity is not required for dedication proposals.
7. The appropriate advisory board shall not recommend a proposed name, renaming or dedication to the City Council unless the criteria set forth in this policy are met. An affirmative vote of a majority of voting members present when quorum is met, is necessary to recommend
8. The City Council shall not consider a name, renaming or dedication of City facilities unless the criteria and procedures set forth in this policy are met.

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9. The City Manager or designate will keep a record of the name and dedication, including a brief summary of who and why this person is being recognized on a Name and Dedication of Facilities Master List.

PROCEDURES FOR NAMING AND RENAMING A CITY FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR GIFTS.

Upon the receipt of a completed restricted gift application, the appropriate department Director or City Manager will submit a proposal to the Board for the naming or renaming of a City Facility that is associated with a major gift to the City. A petition process is not necessary. For naming or renaming a City Facility, City Council approval is required, as provided above. Public notification and the opportunity for public comment are required.

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Appendix 1. [Concept Draft]

City of Edina Application for Naming or Dedication of Facilities

The naming of facilities follows City of Edina Naming and Dedication of City Facilities Policy. The Edina City Council has sole responsibility for establishing legal names and for dedications of City facilities. I/We

_____ request that the name of
(Name of applicant(s))

_____ be considered for the
(Proposed name)

Naming [], Renaming [] or Dedication []
(Please check)

of the _____ facility
(Current or functional facility name)

located at _____
(Address or description of location)

Summary of recommendation (additional documents may be attached to this form)

If proposed name recognizes a living or deceased person, please include the following:

- Compelling evidence of the extraordinary contribution of the individual to the City of Edina.
- Evidence person was/is a resident of Edina.
- Date of death.
- Date of last official relationship to the City.
- Explanation of how naming or renaming facility would improve community awareness and historical perspective.

Person(s) submitting this proposal (please print):

Name _____ Address _____

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Phone _____ email: _____ date: _____
Appendix 2.
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Naming or Dedication Petition to the City of Edina

In accordance with the procedure established by the City of Edina, the undersigned hereby petition to recommend the name of _____

(proposed name or dedication)

of the _____

(current or functional facility name)

located at _____

In support of this petition, each of the undersigned affirms and states:

1. That he/she lives in the City of Edina at the time of signature, is of voting age or older.
2. That the reasons for the proposed name are as follows:

3. That there is community support for the proposed name as illustrated by the signatures below.

NAME	STREET ADDRESS	ZIP	PHONE NO.	DATE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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CIRCULATED BY: _____[FILL IN NAME] PAGE 1 OF _____[FILL IN NUMBER]

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**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARK BOARD
HELD AT CITY HALL
MAY 8, 2012
7:00 PM**

VI.A. Naming of Parks and Facilities Working Group Recommendations

Member Jones went over the "Summary Document" that the working group put together and thanked the Working Group: Member Hulbert, Andy Otness, Bob Kojetin, Ray Giske, David Mesenbourg, Tom Gyump and Rick Ites for their many, many hours of service.

She informed the Park Board that the working group reviewed both naming and donation policies throughout the United States and went through the many different intricacies of their situations that might apply to Edina and reworked them. She indicated that as of the last Friday they received some more comments from the public that she has noted in the blue markup.

Member Jones indicated that there currently is no formal naming policy in the City of Edina and pointed out that the City Council approved the Naming and Donation Working Group after hearing several concerns from residents about the current practice. She added that naming and dedication requests come up several times a year to which staff is currently aware of four naming proposals.

Member Jones stated that after going through the current practice and concerns the working group recommends that the City develop a single naming and dedication policy for all City facilities. She noted they are not recommending that the City rename current facilities to meet specifications in this policy. She pointed out the working group recommends that the Park Board approve the "Naming Dedication Policy" as well as they recommend that the City develop an "Application for Naming and Dedicating Facilities" and a "Petition to the City of Edina" as shown in concept in the Appendix of the policy.

Andy Otness gave the Park Board a summary of the Naming Policy and stated that the City Council has the sole authority for establishing formal names and dedicating any city facilities. She pointed out that facilities are described as anything the City controls: parks, buildings, major features, streets and amenities. She noted the second thing the policy states is that the City Manager's Office will have sole responsibility for keeping a record and managing the naming and dedication process.

Ms. Otness indicated that they also felt what the policy did was set out principles for naming and renaming and dedications and that naming would be reserved for exceptional circumstances. She noted that in their original meetings they had a whole gamut of people who felt things should be restricted or completely open and so that part of the policy represents a collaborative decision.

Ms. Otness informed the Park Board that a lot of the discussions revolved around the naming and renaming for exceptional individuals and the working group decided within the policy that the naming should be based on the contributions to the City rather than the circumstances of their death. Secondly, it was decided there should be a time period after that person has died or ended their relationship with the City to reflect upon an individual's legacy before that naming process would begin. The name of an individual will be considered for a park only if that person has been deceased for 100 years and influenced Edina's history or has naming for him/her as a condition made by the donor of actual land for the park.

Ms. Otness pointed out there is another category of naming besides parks and that is that an individual be considered for a building, major feature or street if that person either was or is currently a resident of Edina, has made a significant contribution over a period of several years to the general public interest

and has ended his or her substantive formal relationship with the City or has passed away five years prior to the initiation of a naming process or the name could be considered if it was requested as a restriction of a significant extraordinary major gift to the city like the donation of land.

Ms. Otness pointed out with regards to naming for entities no City facility, except a major feature, shall be named for a business entity as a condition for a donation to the City. This is to minimize the confusion and cost to the City for updating signage and maps. Name of business entities shall be for a fixed period. Names of business entities operating on City property shall be subject to City Council approval and will not require a petition process.

Ms. Otness informed the Park Board that lastly public support for name requests should be demonstrated with a petition process. The working group recommends that the naming and renaming requests require 300 signatures and any dedication requires 100 signatures. In addition, the public and specifically the facilities neighborhood will be informed of a naming request and an opportunity will be provided for their input and comment.

Member Jones thanked Mr. Kojetin for all of his work on compiling the names and donations of all the parks. Mr. Kojetin gave the Park Board a brief history on the compilation report he created. He noted that he thought it would be good to have one central location where a record is kept with the history of the parks and donations where people can go to find this type of information. He noted that he will continue to work on the book as long as he can because there is still a lot more to be added. He noted that most of this information will be stored at the Edina Historical Museum.

Member Segreto indicated that on top of page two of the "Naming and Dedication Policy" where they talk about the philosophy of the City and give an order of preference for naming she feels that each of those categories is really important and is not sure why there needs to be a preference. Member Jones replied they wanted to make sure the order of preference represented something that would first honor maybe a natural place and that's where the geographic location thought connected to it and kind of wanted to make sure they didn't lose sight of the geographic nature of the community before they went on to more of a people nature of their history which happens to be the events and the people that affect the history. Member Segreto commented that she was very moved by Mr. Kojetin's report and seeing the names of people who have been very important to this community that she would be hard pressed to see that if they were to order preference they would be listed third and therefore would hate to see an order of preference within policy. Member Hulbert replied they came up with what they felt was a kind of a logical order of significance but that isn't to say that geographic location necessarily has to be number one.

Member Segreto indicated that a facility named for an individual who had something happen to their reputation, should have the name changed according to the new guidelines. She stated that puts them into a position of when exactly it should be changed and should that person have the right to clear his or her name in court or in the community. She noted that maybe it would be sufficient to say "The City Council reserves the right to change the name in the event the individual has fallen into disrepute". Member Segreto commented that most of her comments are going to be geared to giving the City Council the discretion and looking to the guidelines to sway them in a direction rather than requiring a name change.

Ms. Otness informed the Park Board that she recalls this discussion came up right after the Joe Paterno events in Ohio. She stated that she is not a "legal person" but knows there is a difference between saying "reserves the right" or "shall" or "may". Therefore, they decided to craft this as they felt at that time and that it would be reviewed by the City attorney for the legal distinction.

Chair Steel suggested the Park Board discuss each page.

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Member Segreto asked the working group on the top of the page where it states “to be considered historic a person should be deceased for at least 100 years” how they came up with that number because 100 years seems really, really long to her. Member Hulbert responded they viewed naming parks and land a huge honor and so to have a park renamed for you they wanted there to be some time to reflect, although 100 years might be a little long. Member Deeds commented that he would go with something like 25 years to reflect a little bit.

Member Jones indicated that what it came to actually was what makes something historic is it 100 years, 50 years or 25 years. Member Segreto responded that actually it’s not duration that makes it historic, it’s what they do and the impact it makes that make it historic. Member Hulbert suggested going with 25 years to which Member Kathryn Peterson replied 25 years is more reasonable. Ms. Otness noted impart was that it would be a legacy that had lasted and maybe that’s the language “that will last” because how do you define legacy.

Chair Hulbert noted it seems to be a general consensus 25 years is a good number. Member Segreto commented that she sees “100 years” in the next paragraph “No park shall be named or renamed for an individual unless that individual, was a resident of Edina, has been deceased for at least 100 years . . .” and so her comment would be the same.

Member Segreto indicated in the next paragraph where it reads “The naming and renaming of a building, major feature, or street shall occur no sooner than five years after that person has ended his or her substantive, formal relationship with the City” five years may be too long and she would like to see it cut to three years. She noted that after someone retires or leaves the City there could be some circumstances especially if someone has a health problem. Member Hulbert responded there were some people that felt pretty strongly that it should be until the person was actually deceased but they did all agree there should be some kind of cooling off period. Chair Steel asked how this compares to other cities that were researched to which Member Jones responded in most cities the person needs to be dead. Member Hulbert added that Edina is pretty rare in that they names facilities and buildings after people who are still alive. Member Jones commented that when they first crafted the policy it did say you needed to have been deceased before anything could be named after you and kept it for months. However, when they reviewed the policy they decided to change it in light of the way Edina deals with their parks which is different than the way other cities do. Member Hulbert commented that he thinks sometimes there is a rush to immediately honor and bestow those people with honors right away. However, in reality we know that three or five years go by quickly and if that award is really merited it will still be there three to five years down the road which gives them a little time to reflect and make sure things are what they thought they were.

Page Four – No changes made

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Member Segreto asked in regards to the 300 signatures that would be required to start a petition is that what the research bore out in terms of other municipalities? Member Jones replied she believes it is similar to what Denver’s policy is. She explained the reason for it is to find out what the level of support and commitment are for the name and they settled on 300 signatures. Member Segreto asked would that mean then if a City Council member wanted to initiate a name change or name something they would have to get 300 signatures. Member Jones replied yes, unless they wanted to go against policy to which that would be noted. Mr. Keprios commented that it’s very difficult trying to put a comprehensive policy together because you it will likely be changed in the future but at least it will help by serving as a guideline for the City Council.

Member Deeds noted that to him it seems reasonable to need to have 300 signatures because there does need to be a certain level of interest and support and this puts a barrier up there to make people work a little bit more.

Page Six – No changes made.

Member Jones informed the Park Board that the “application” is just a concept draft and they are not dictating to the City how to write their procedures for internal processing. She noted that she did send it to the City Manager and Assistant City Manager asking for their comments.

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Chair Steel thanked everyone for their hard work.

Member Deeds commented that under the major gifts, **page 4**, if they look at the Hornet’s Nest proposal is that going to be named the “Hornet’s Nest” or are the people who are involved going to be recognized since they are essentially paying one-quarter of the capital costs which is a one million dollar donation. He noted his concern is the policies in this area may be so tight that they eliminate a chunk of flexibility that will allow the City to pursue major gifts. He stated there is a pretty stiff requirement in the policy, (page 4 second #1) stating “Payment of the capital costs for constructing or installing a major feature”. To him under #1 it implies 100% of the capital costs. Member Jones responded they should define “major feature” because you are comparing it to a building and there are two definitions in that section. She noted that the paragraph Member Deeds read is the guideline for major features which would include ball fields, swimming pools, playgrounds, etc. Member Deeds pointed out in regards to the Sports Dome they are seeking a gift for the Sports Dome and naming rights for the Sports Dome. He noted it’s a three million dollar undertaking so this would imply they would have to raise 1.5 million dollars in order to give the naming rights away and that is his concern. Chair Steel asked Member Jones if she thinks it would be considered a City facility which would be covered under the previous paragraph. Member Jones replied that she would consider the Sports Dome to be a building.

Member Deeds stated for example you have two million dollars’ worth of renovations at the ball field and if they were able to get a sponsor who wanted to put in a million dollars, would we give them the name of the ball field. He indicated that yes, he would think he would give them the name of a ball field for one million dollars even if it’s not covering the full two million dollars. That is his only concern with the current wording because it’s a pretty tight policy. He suggested changing it to say “a substantial portion” or something like that. Member Jones replied you could change all of #1 under that paragraph to “Payment of a substantial capital cost for constructing and installing”. Chair Steel commented that it also helps that it does say “likewise as a guideline but not a limitation”. Member Deeds indicated that he just wants to give it as much flexibility as possible. Member Hulbert added that he thinks when it comes to larger items like the “Hornet’s Nest” City Council is going to do what they see fit.

Member Dan Peterson indicated that he has thought all along that the naming proposition was a solution in search of a problem and he continues to believe that. He noted that he wants to thank everyone who served on the working group and that he holds the Park Board members most dearly; however, he is going to vote “no” because there is no proof to him that the current system is broken and needs to be fixed. He stated that he has nothing but the highest respect for people who run for public office and the five people who serve on the City Council, current, past and future, are pretty good people and he doesn’t want to tie their hands to a policy which has some problems. He commented that he thinks they’ve done a good job and he doesn’t get too concerned in a city of almost 50,000 and only a few people don’t like the name of a certain park or pavilion. He noted there is always going to be disagreement and they get past it and move along.

Member Hulbert stated that he agrees, they do have excellent City Council members past and present but situations have occurred in the past that with a lack of policy it would have helped both members of the public and staff as well. Member Deeds responded that he agrees and actually thinks they are doing the City Council a favor, they will still have the decision whether they are going to adopt it or not, but it’s a policy and a guideline that they can vote to override anytime they want to. He commented that they are essentially giving City Council the shot to say well, wait a minute we have a policy here, let’s think

about this and provide some level of rationality and a little more consistency to the process. He stated that he thinks the working group has done a great job on this.

Member Deeds suggested that the information from Mr. Kojetin's booklet be put on the City's website in a searchable form because it would be a great service and so people who are searching for relatives or something will be able to find it. Mr. Keprios replied that's an excellent suggestion and would be a great project for the Historical Society to work on with the Communications Department.

Member Deeds made a motion, seconded by Member Segreto, that where it states 100 years on page 3 that it be replaced with 25 years.

Ayes: Dan Peterson, Kathryn Peterson, Jones, Steel, Jacobson, Hulbert, Deeds, Segreto
Motion Carried.

Member Segreto made a motion, seconded by Member Deeds, that on page two in the paragraph headed "Renaming City Facilities" that the second paragraph be deleted and that the third paragraph be amended to read "notwithstanding the above, the City Council reserves the right to change the name of any named city facility in order to maintain consistency with the entire policy and flexibility to change the name of a facility named after an individual who has fallen into disrepute and whose name no longer lends honor and dignity to the facility" .

Ayes: Dan Peterson, Kathryn Peterson, Jones, Steel, Jacobson, Hulbert, Deeds, Segreto
Motion Carried.

Member Deeds made a motion, seconded by Member Segreto, that they amend on page four the second #1 to read "Payment of substantial capital costs for constructing and installing a major feature".

Ayes: Dan Peterson, Kathryn Peterson, Jones, Steel, Jacobson, Hulbert, Deeds, Segreto
Motion Carried.

Member Deeds made a motion, seconded by Member Hulbert to approve the Naming and Dedication of City Facilities as amended.

Ayes: Kathryn Peterson, Jones, Steel, Jacobson, Hulbert, Deeds, Segreto
Nays: Dan Peterson
Motion Carried.